

**The City of Springfield, Ohio  
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Forum**

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The meeting was called to order by President Copeland. Roll call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, members approved the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Executive Session, Public Hearings, and Legislative Meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

**153-21      Vacating Maryland Avenue from Skyline Lane east to the dead end, being approximately 150 feet.**

**149-21      Vacating the first alley east of Nagley Street from the first alley north of Fulton Avenue to the intersecting east-west alley.**

**150-21      Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 2.33 acres at 1220 East Home Road, Springfield, Ohio from CO-1, Commercial Office District to CC-2, Community Commercial District.**

**178-21      Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by amending Section 911.02 *Service Charge Rates*, Section 911.04 *Bulk Water Purchases*, Section 917.02 *Service Charge Rates*, Section 917.11 *Septage Discharge Fees*, and repealing existing Sections 911.02, 911.04, 917.02, and 917.11.**

Dr. Estrop asked for additional detail on the proposed Codified Ordinance changes. Finance Director Beckdahl explained the proposed changes increases existing water and sewer rates by 2 percent each year for three years starting January 2022. Smaller incremental raises are proposed over a three-year period rather than a larger single rate adjustment. Mr. Beckdahl described inflationary price increases related to utility processing that require the proposed rate changes. Mr. Beckdahl noted the average household with three to four people would increase by \$1.46, \$1.47, and \$1.48/month over the three-year period.

Dr. Estrop asked if the proposed increases would be sufficient to cover the city's utility costs, and Mr. Beckdahl responded affirmatively.

Mr. O'Neill asked for confirmation the proposed changes were for both water and sewer rates, and Mr. Beckdahl confirmed.

**179-21      Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by amending Section 918.04, *Stormwater Utility Service Charges; ESU Rates*, and repealing existing Section 918.04.**

Mr. Beckdahl explained the stormwater utility rates have not been increased since 2016. The same inflationary costs related to utility processing require proposed rate changes for stormwater processing over the same three-year period beginning January 1, 2022.

**152-20      Authorizing the exercise of the City's option to renew the contract with Chemical Services, Inc. for the purchase of Liquid Ferric Sulfate 60% for use by the City's Water Treatment Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$150,300.00.**

**180-21      Authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Super Duty F-550 from National Auto Fleet Group, for an amount not to exceed \$171,612.78, through Sourcewell, pursuant to the Sourcewell Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

**181-21      Authorizing the purchase of thirty (30) WatchGuard Video In-Car Cameras from Motorola Solutions Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$192,350.00, through Sourcewell, pursuant to the Sourcewell Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code.**

Mrs. Chilton asked when the new cameras would be expected. Police Captain Moos stated there is a 60- to 90-day period expected for delivery. The new cameras will work with Clark County's recording system when both systems fully merge in October.

**182-21      Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Employment Incentive Agreement with Storm Mixed Martial Arts to incentivize establishing a mixed martial arts training and instruction studio at 105 North Thompson Avenue to create employment in the City; and authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Law Director to do all things necessary to implement the said Employment Incentive Agreement.**

## **SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**135-21      Ordinance No. 21-201: Approving an amendment to the existing CC-2A District Development Plan for 0.39 acre along North Bechtle Avenue, to allow for construction of a new restaurant.**

Mr. O'Neill noted commissioners had previously discussed safety concerns for the access point near the proposed development. Mr. O'Neill clarified the access point is a private driveway, not a street. Mr. Rue stated that shrubbery in that area had been trimmed to assist with line of sight.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**136-21      Ordinance No. 21-202: Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.34 acre at 1106-1112 & 1116 South Limestone Street, Springfield, Ohio from RM-12, Low-Density, Multi-Family Residence District to CN-2, Neighborhood Commercial District.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**137-21      Ordinance No. 21-203: Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.17 acre at 119-121 East Grand Avenue, Springfield, Ohio from RS-8, Medium-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CN-2, Neighborhood Commercial District.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**162-21      Ordinance No. 21-204: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quit Claim Deed in connection with transferring certain real property no longer needed for municipal purposes located on Selma Road adjacent to Fire Station 3.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**163-21      Ordinance No. 21-205: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General to undertake the collection of delinquent tax debts owed to the City of Springfield.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**164-21      Ordinance No. 21-206: Approving the execution and delivery of a cooperative agreement between the City, the Warren County Port Authority, as issuer, DDC Management, LLC, as developer, and The Huntington National Bank, N.A., as trustee.**

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**012-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-207: Confirming purchases and the obtaining of services for the City and providing for payments therefor; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**183-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-208: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Shelly Company for the 2021 OPWC Paving Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,598,069.00; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**184-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-209: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Agreement No. 7-021-21 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation to maintain and repair sidewalks located within limited access right of way; authorizing the City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director to do all things they deem necessary to implement said agreement; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**185-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 210: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for an Airport Rescue Grant through the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$59,000.00; authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance and Law Director to perform all acts and execute all documents considered necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said Grant application, and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Mr. O'Neill asked if a local match was required for the grant request, and Mr. Beckdahl stated there was none.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**186-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-211: Confirming and approving the application to the U.S. Treasury Department for disbursement of funds through the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in an amount up to \$44,230,364.00; authorizing the City Manager, Director of Finance and Law Director to perform all acts and execute all documents considered necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under said Grant application, and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**175-21**      Dr. Estrop announced representatives from People for Safe Water would provide an update on the Tremont Barrel Fill as a work session at the next City Commission meeting on July 20, 2020, at approximately 6:30 p.m. The time would be announced with the next agenda.

**2-21**      Mrs. Chilton asked for staff to detail how citizens may watch City Commission meetings. Meetings are broadcast live via the City of Springfield's Facebook account and YouTube channel. Replays are available on both platforms at any time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were received and filed:

**176-21**      Notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of a new liquor permit for Bob Evans Restaurants LLC dba Bob Evans Restaurant 49, 30 West Leffel Lane.

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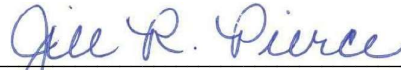
There being no further business, on motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION